

**2018 State Legislative Priorities**  
(as of the 10.17.17 BCC Meeting )

1. **Strategic Miami Area Rapid Transit (SMART) Plan:** **SUPPORT** Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) funding of existing programs and maintain funding levels. The SMART plan cost is estimated at \$3.6 billion.
2. **Texting While Driving Offense:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact SB 72, SB 90 or similar legislation that would make texting while driving a primary offense; preliminarily identifying this issue as a critical county priority for the 2018 state legislative session; and expressing the intent to add Miami- Dade county as a member of the FL DNT TXT N DRV Coalition.
3. **Film and Entertainment Incentive Program:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to allocate to the Miami-Dade County Television, Film and Entertainment Production Incentive Program funding in an amount equal to any state revenue generated as a result of the program.
4. **Sadowski Affordable Housing Trust Fund:** **SUPPORT** 100-percent of affordable housing trust fund monies for affordable housing, with an increasing focus on the housing needs of extremely low income, homeless and special needs households.
5. **Equal Pay:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact equal pay legislation to address disparities in pay between men and women.
6. **Diversion Mental Health Program:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to support funding for the diversion first mental health program.
7. **Beach Erosion Control:** **SUPPORT** consistent and dedicated annual funding for statewide beach erosion control.
8. **Sea Level Rise:** **SUPPORT** legislation requiring assessment and evaluation of state agency efforts to address sea level rise and other weather impacts.
9. **Regulation of Short Term Rentals:** Resolution opposing any state legislation that would further limit the ability of counties and cities in Florida to regulate short-term vacation rentals.
10. **Miami Military Museum Education Center:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to provide funding for the Miami Military Museum Education Center.

- 11. Concealed Weapons Regulations in Government Buildings:** Resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation that either prohibits the carrying of a concealed weapon or firearm into a government building or allows local governments to impose such regulations with respect to buildings owned or operated by that local government.
- 12. Florida Port Council's Legislative Agenda:** *SUPPORT* the Florida Port Council's efforts in securing dedicated state and federal funding sources for Florida seaports. Additionally, ensure PortMiami infrastructure projects are included in FDOT's 5-year Plan.
- 13. Increase Viability of our Local Agricultural Industry:** *SUPPORT* funding, programs, legislation and assistance to increase viability of our local agricultural industry and mitigate any effects of invasive pests, diseases, freezes, flooding, windstorm, and other potential damages to our said industry.
- 14. Extending Sewer Service to Unserved Properties:** *SUPPORT* funding in the amount of \$2.5 million to extend sewer service to properties now served by septic tanks. The total cost of the project exceeds \$2.6 billion.